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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of: |) | |
| | : | Examiner: G. Garcia |
| YUTAKA MURAKAMI, ET AL. |) | |
| | : | Group Art Unit: 2624 |
| Appln. No.: Unassigned (Divisional of |) | |
| Appln. No. 08/736,245 filed | : | |
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| For: OUTPUT METHOD AND |) | |
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Commissioner for Patents
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Introductory Comments

Prior to examination on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to
amend the above-identified application as follows.